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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. An optical disc with physical synchronization markers.
- 2. A cover for us with an optical disc, said cover comprising all synchronization markers.
- 3. A method for acquiring data from an optical disc having physical synchronization markers, said method comprising:

detecting at least one physical synchronization marker on an optical disc; and

reading data from said optical disc in response to detecting said at least one physical synchronization marker.

4. A method for acquiring data from an optical disc in combination with a cover having physical synchronization markers, said method comprising:

detecting at least one physical synchronization marker on said cover; and

reading data from said optical disc in response to detecting said at least one physical synchronization marker on said cover.

5. An apparatus for acquiring data from an optical disc using physical synchronization markers, said apparatus comprising:

an optical disc drive capable of reading operational and nonoperational structures from an optical disc assembly; and

- a photodetector for detecting at least one physical synchronization marker on said optical disc assembly.
- 6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said optical disc assembly is selected from a group comprising an optical disc, a cover, and a combination thereof.